

All media using the public airwaves do so free of charge. In return the public can expect that these media are obliged to avoid partisan sponsorship. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is in violation of that obligation.

In addition, with some 60 stations under Sinclair control, this is an example of the dangers of media consolidation. We should encourage, not discourage, local ownership. I strongly oppose the renewal of Sinclair's FCC licenses.